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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, may Your eyes be on the righteous and Your ears open to their prayers. In Your mercy, redeem us that we would be worthy to stand before You. Enable us to hold our tongues from malicious intent. Prevent our lips from speaking deliberate deceit.

Strengthen us that we would turn away from evil and do good. In Your eyes, O Lord, what does that really mean? Few of us are so ensnared by malevolence that we would not desire to do what is right by You.

Speak into our sense of self-assurance and remind us that our adversary gains a foothold if we do not have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Guard us against the insidiousness of evil so that our natural response would not be to repay offense or disagreement with our own wrongdoing. But may we find ways to seek concord. Inspire us to pursue peace.

For Your eyes, O Lord, are on the righteous. Your ears are open to their prayers.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. Foxx) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING ST. MARYS AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM RENAISSANCE CLUB

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the St. Marys Area Middle School Team Renaissance Club whose Mini-THON event raised a record \$18,281 for the fight against childhood cancer in March.

Inspired by Penn State's THON, the daylong event took place during the school day and included hourly themes

such as beach, carnival, and glow hours.

The event included numerous events for students and staff, including cornhole, bingo, karaoke, a photo booth, and the student favorite, "Silly String Your Principal Challenge."

Although students at St. Marys Area Middle School have demonstrated their dedication and generosity through the Mini-THON for many years now, this year's event was even more special since local toddler Reggie Housley is currently battling leukemia.

Proceeds from the Mini-THON will benefit Four Diamonds, a Hershey-based organization that pays 100 percent of noncovered medical expenses for childhood cancer patients at Penn State Health Children's Hospital.

I commend the St. Marys Area Middle School Team Renaissance Club for the extraordinary success of their Mini-THON and the entire St. Marys community for their kindness and generosity in the fight against childhood cancer.

REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY

(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community have always been stewards of Oregon's land and natural resources. Like so many other indigenous peoples, they have faced tremendous injustices

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at the hands of the Federal Government.

That is why I rise today in support of my very first bill in Congress, the Grand Ronde Reservation Act Amendment of 2023, to correct those past injustices.

In 1994, the Tribes sought to fix a survey error, which led to the Federal Government making yet another error that removed Grand Ronde's right to pursue any further land claims even if more mistakes are discovered.

No other Tribe in Oregon faces this kind of restriction. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde shouldn't either.

We are not responsible for the ills of the past, but we are responsible for remedying them today. My bill contributes to that, and I thank my Oregon colleagues for supporting it.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S CHILDREN

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act. House Republicans made a commitment to America that we would bring up the Parents Bill of Rights Act. Today, we are keeping that promise.

The numbers speak for themselves. In the 1 month since the Parents Bill of Rights Act was introduced, thousands of parents have signed on to it. This massive surge of support proves that parents want more of a say in their children's education. President Biden's Secretary of Education recently said parents are missing in action. He is just wrong.

Parents are more motivated than ever, and they want us to take action. The bill before us today is about every mom, every dad, and, most importantly, every student in America.

We believe parents should be able to know what your children are learning, how your tax dollars are being spent, and whether your child is safe in school. That is exactly what the Parents Bill of Rights Act does.

When we introduced the Parents Bill of Rights Act, we numbered it H.R. 5. There is an important reason why. That is the age that children start kindergarten.

Also, this bill protects five important parental rights.

One, the right to know what is being taught in schools and to see the reading materials. No one is arguing that parents should dictate what is being taught, but parents should be able to see their school's curriculum publicly, know what books are in the library, and get timely notice about any plans to eliminate gifted and talented programs.

Two, the right to be heard. We saw Biden's Justice Department lash out at concerned parents and label them domestic terrorists. Parents should be al-

lowed to address school board meetings, have their First Amendment rights respected, and have a say in their children's education.

Third, the right to see a school's budget and how your tax dollars are being spent.

Four, the right to protect your children's privacy. Parents should be able to control how any third party uses their children's personal data.

Fifth, the right to be updated on any violent activity at school. If there is violence at school, parents deserve to know.

Mr. Speaker, it doesn't matter the color of your skin, the ZIP Code you live in, or the wealth you have. Once you are a parent, you will give your life for your child.

You have a right to get basic information about your children's education, and with the Parents Bill of Rights Act, you will have that.

The Parents Bill of Rights Act is an important step toward protecting children and dramatically strengthening the rights of parents.

Mr. Speaker, in America, education is the great equalizer. Every child deserves a great education. We know that if parents are empowered, students will succeed.

For that reason, I urge all of my colleagues to vote "yes" on H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF IMAM ABDULLAH EL-AMIN

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Imam Abdullah El-Amin, whose memory lives on in the hearts of communities across metro Detroit.

Imam El-Amin was a proud Detroit. He was also a spiritual leader who created strong ties to our diverse community throughout his impactful service work.

Imam El-Amin has always been passionate in his belief that interfaith dialogue creates stronger, more meaningful relationships across cultures.

In 1983, he was one of the founding members of the Muslim Center of Detroit, a masjid that was formed as an outreach center to bring people from different religious backgrounds together.

As a spiritual leader, he witnessed the need for compassionate end-of-life care in communities throughout the area and was inspired to found an organization called Crescent Janazah Services to support countless individuals in their transition.

I still remember, Mr. Speaker, after a speech, I had stated one of my favorite verses, my favorite surah in the Quran, which is: "With hardship comes ease." He came up to me with a big smile, and he said: "That is also my favorite verse."

Please join me in honoring the memory of Imam Abdullah El-Amin as we mourn his loss. Allah yerhamo.

MARCH MADNESS IN IOWA

(Mr. NUNN of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, March Madness is among us, and I am thrilled to say that the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and my own Drake Bulldogs have made it.

Unfortunately, most of us are now out of our brackets and trying to pick up the pieces.

I recognize that today, the University of Iowa women's basketball team with Coach Lisa Bluder, along with Caitlin Clark, a standout college basketball player with the Iowa Hawkeyes, is ready to take it to the court tonight.

Iowa is ready to cheer on our Hawkeye women in the Sweet 16 tournament, and we wish them the very best of luck in their game today.

The coaches, staff, parents, alumni, and all Iowans who are watching across the country and the world tonight have been there from the beginning. Thank you for your dedication to making this happen.

I also send a shout-out to a very special player from West Des Moines, Iowa, Caitlin Clark. She is a favorite for National Player of the Year.

On March 5, 2023, Caitlin put up 30 points, 17 assists, and 10 rebounds, leading her team to clinch its second straight Big 10 tournament title.

You can tell I have been screaming and cheering her on from the sidelines the whole way through.

Caitlin is the only player, male or female, in the past 20 seasons to achieve 25 points, 15 assists, and 10 rebounds in a single game, and she did it not once but twice.

Caitlin has made Iowa so proud. She is in a league of her own with her record-setting career, and it is only just beginning. We look forward to watching Caitlin and the Hawkeye women do what they do best on the court tonight.

Go Hawks.

13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week, we mark the 13th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act. Thanks to President Obama, Americans have been reassured that they can receive the care they need.

Since it was passed into law, the Affordable Care Act has lowered healthcare costs for families and insured more than 35 million Americans.

Democrats' passage of the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act made ACA subsidies more generous, which lowered health insurance